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SUBJ: PRESIDENT DAOUD DISSOLVES GOVERNMENT,
CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND ENDS MARTIAL LAW

REF: KABUL 1379

1. AFGHAN MEDIA FEBRUARY 26 ANNOUNCED PRESIDENTIAL
DECLARATION THAT: 1) THE STATE OF MARTIAL LAW ENDED
WITH THE SIGNING OF THE NEW AFGHAN CONSTITUTION (REFTEL);
2) THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS DISSOLVED; AND 3) ON THE
BASIS OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT
(I.E., CABINET) IS ALSO DISSOLVED AND THAT DEPUTY
MINISTERS WILL CONDUCT THE AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRIES
UNTIL THE FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET. ANNOUNCEMENT
RECALLED ORIGINAL NEED FOR MARTIAL LAW FOLLOWING
CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT ON JULY 17, 1973 AND ENDED WITH
STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD EXPECTS ALL CITIZENS
"TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR NATIONAL DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE VALUES OF THE CONSTITUTION".

2. COMMENT: WHILE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS TAILORED
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TO MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS INVOLVED IN THE CHANGE-
OVER FROM A REGIME BASED ON A MILITARY COUP TO A
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, ITS INTENT AND IMMEDIATE
EFFECT GO FAR BEYOND LEGAL NICETIES. THE ABOLITION
OF THE SHADOWY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, LAST DISPLAYED
CEREMONIALLY AT THE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION,
AND THE ENDING OF MARTIAL LAW APPEAR TO HAVE HAD

A SIGNIFICANT AND HOPEFUL EFFECT ON THE GOA OFFICIALS,
EDUCATED ELITE, AND POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS
AFGHANS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN. THESE PERSONS
APPEAR TO SEE IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT LEAST A PARTIAL
RETURN TO NORMALITY: TO FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY, ASSOCIATION,
AND EXPRESSION OF OPINION. THOSE MORE
SKEPTICAL ARE RESERVING THEIR JUDGMENT UNTIL THE
NEW CABINET IS ANNOUNCED, TO SEE WHETHER THERE
WILL BE A SIMPLE RESHUFFLING OF OLD FACES OR A
CREATIVE BLEND OF NEW AND OLD. AT THIS POINT IT
APPEARS TO US THAT THE FEBRUARY 26 ANNOUNCEMENT
HAS BEEN MORE HOPEFULLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY
RECEIVED BY THE KABUL PUBLIC THAN THE STEP-BY-STEP
DELIBERATIONS OF THE LOYA JIRGAH AND THE PROCLAMATION
OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH PRECEDED THE ANNOUNCEMENT.
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